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TWO LOCAL BUSINESSES RECEIVE AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF WISE WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

FREDERICK, MD —Today, in conjunction with the national promotional effort known as "America Recycles Day", Frederick County Government announces the two winners of its 2013 Business Waste Reduction and Recycling award program. The program was created to acknowledge the efforts that many businesses are instituting to reduce their impact on the local waste stream. Applications were available in September and October of this year and applicants were evaluated on their efforts to implement or expand inventive and successful recycling and/or waste reduction strategies.

This year's winners are Circle of Life Cooperative Preschool and Life Technologies. The honorees demonstrate that diverse segments of the local business community can ascribe to the same principles of sustainable, responsible waste management practices. Both businesses strive to decrease the amount of waste they produce, with Life Technologies instituting numerous policies and programs to increase their landfill diversion rate. Circle of Life makes decisions about its purchasing, materials use and disposal practices with keen regard for the idea that their actions "educate young children about the world of which they are a part".

Both organizations will be acknowledged at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on November 21, 2013. In total, eighteen local businesses and organizations have been honored since the program's inception in 2009. The program is administered by the Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management's Department of Solid Waste Management. Assistant Superintendant Lori Finafrock remarked that "We are proud to recognize these organizations for their leadership; their efforts demonstrate that waste reduction practices are not only good for business, but good for the community as well."

For more information about local waste reduction and recycling programs, please contact the Department of Solid Waste Management, please call 301-600-2960 or visit their website at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/recycle.